(b) whether Government are aware of the existence of socalled refugee camps in dense forests of Assam and Nagaland etc. where insurgents are being trained; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to disband such camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) It may not be in public interest to give details.

(b) Reports have indicated that insurgents are having camps in some parts of dense forests of Assam and Nagaland.

(c) The Government has taken steps against these camps as part of its counter insurgency measures. These steps include, inter-alia, deployment of para-military forces and Army in the States of Assam and Nagaland. Coordinated action by Army, Para-military & State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of ULFA, NDFB and NSCN(I) as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation, both at State and Central Government level is also being made.

Capturing of stray Dogs

2424. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice of capturing stray dogs has been discontinued by NDMC under the Court orders resulting in manifold increase in the number of stray dogs in NDMC areas of the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts have been made by Government to get the stay vacated from the courts to capture the stray dogs who are biting the people and have become menance in the NDMC area;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to save the common man from stray dogs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The NDMC have discontinued the practice of killing stray dogs but this has not led to any significant increase in their numbers as the practice of sterlizing of stray dogs has been introduced.

(c) and (d) The NDMC have filed an appeal against the court judgement.

(e) The measures taken include sterlization of stray dogs and their vaccination against rabies.

Mulayam Flouts jail rules

2425. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the "Pioeer" dated the 19th June, 1997 under the caption "Punish Mulayam for flouting Jail Rules; C.M.";

(b) whether the Chief Minister of UP has submitted a memorandum to the President of India regarding the inflammatory speeches delivered in the camps of "Bareilly Jail" on the 6th June, 1997; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken or propose to take any action in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?